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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentation; Consolidated Application for Authority to Transfer Control of XM Radio Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc., MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Attached for consideration in connection with the above-referenced merger of XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. and Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. please find a letter from the Ford Motor Company filed in support of the merger.

In accordance with Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, and the Commission's Public Notice dated March 29, 2007 (DA 07-1435), a copy of this letter with the attached correspondence is being filed in the docket via ECFS.

Respectfully,

/s/ Robert L. Pettit

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Counsel for Sirius Satellite Radio Inc.

cc (via email): Chairman Martin, Commissioner Copps, Commissioner

Adelstein, Commissioner Tate, Commissioner McDowell, Daniel Gonzalez, Catherine Bohigian, Monica Desai, Roy Stewart, Rosemary Harold, Helen Domenici, Michelle Carey, Aaron Goldberger, Rick Chessen, Bruce Gottlieb, Barry Ohlson, Rudy Brioché, Chris Moore, Amy Blankenship,

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The Honorable Thomas Barnett Assistant Attorney General Antitrust Division United States Department of Justice 950 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Assistant Attorney General Barnett and Chairman Martin:

The Ford Motor Company has been a long-time supporter of satellite radio. We recognized the promise of satellite radio early in its development. In 1999 we were the first U.S. automaker to embrace and sign an agreement with Sirius Satellite Radio.

The competition for listeners is intense in automobiles. Keeping pace with consumer demands and the pace of change in audio entertainment is critical to Ford. In 1999, when Ford signed its first agreement with Sirius Satellite Radio, consumers had few choices for audio entertainment in their vehicles – AM and FM radio or a cassette or CD player. Currently, a variety of audio entertainment providers, including High-Definition (HD) radio, satellite radio, Internet radio, iPods and other MP3 players, mobile phones, and other emerging services, compete for consumer attention. The methods by which consumers can connect to these devices and services in their vehicles are also expanding rapidly as evidenced by growth in auxiliary input jacks, Bluetooth and USB connectivity and products like Ford's SYNC.

We believe that a company that combines the capabilities of Sirius and XM could serve the interests of consumers by offering a more dynamic and potentially cost-effective product, spurring additional competition with audio entertainment providers such as terrestrial radio, and that this may result in greater innovation. Therefore, it is our opinion that the Sirius-XM merger is in the interest of existing and future Ford customers and the Ford Motor Company.

very truly yours

Fau Mascarenas, Vice President Engineering, Product Development

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